

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2000-84-C**

PRTCommunications, LLC ("Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in certain exchange areas currently served by United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc. (now known as "Embarq"). The Applicant proposes to expand its service to those areas currently being served by Embarq in the portion of Embarq's service area that is contiguous to the area served by Applicant's parent company, Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. The area for which the Applicant seeks certification includes the following exchanges: Ware Shoals, Hodges, Greenwood, Ninety Six, Troy, Saluda, Chappells, Cross Hill, and Mountville. According to the Applicant, the Applicant will provide the same service, under the same terms and conditions, to customers located in the expanded area as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area. Further, the Applicant will offer the service at rates comparable to those of the incumbent LEC serving the area.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov), and is available from Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 2006** before Hearing Examiner David Butler, Esquire in the Commission's Law Library at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws – Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 29, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2000-84-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **August 29, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2000-84-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **August 29, 2006**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2000-84-C.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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